

THE HISTORY OF MY LIFE AND FAMILY

HYRUM A. CLUFF

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MARCH 29, 1895

I was born in Provo City, Utah, October 26, 1866, and baptized when I was 8 years old by David Jones. I was confirmed by Henry Rogers. My father, Moses Cluff, moved to Arizona in 1877 in Apache county, to Show Low. We cleared off the pine timber and fenced our farm, built log houses and ground our corn in hammer mills. For nearly two years, I herded cattle for Mr. Cooley with the Apache Indians, during the summers. In the winter of 1878, we moved to Forest Dale.

In 1879 my father went to Provo, Utah. My mother, Jane Margia Johnson Cluff, and the family moved to Arizona. My oldest sister got married that winter to James Clark Owens. Then my mother moved to Woodruff on the Little Colorado, and father moved to the Gila River in Arizona, Graham county.

I worked on the Woodruff Dam and bought me span of horses, then worked on the railroad and bought mother a rock house in the Woodruff Fort.

In 1881 the Woodruff Dam went out and I helped put it in again. In September 1882, I worked for J. C. Owens putting up hay and in October 1882, I and Mother moved to the Gila in Graham county, Arizona, where my father was. There was quite a settlement and lots of mesquite brush all over the town and you could hardly see from

To Moses Cluff &  
(2) Margaret Jane  
Johnson



house to house.

In 1883, my father commenced to build a dancing hall and Heber and myself hauled up rock to build it with. Father put in a store and confectionary. It was finished in 1884. Then my sister and her husband came from Woodruff and the Relief Society had a surprise party for them. We all had a good time.

Mother and I went back to Woodruff on a visit. Mother stayed there and I came back and helped Father on the farm. Mother took sick, and sent for me. I started to Woodruff in January, 1885 and came back in March, the same year, with William Rollans. We were nearly killed by Apache Indians. We camped on Turkey Creek, 10 miles from an Apache camp and the Indians danced and sang all night. We traveled down the Black River, which was running very high and we nearly drowned. The next day, the tongue of the wagon broke and when we stopped to fix it, an Indian rode up and told us to follow him and to hurry. He seemed very uneasy. He led and we followed as we thought the other Indians were after us. The next day a party of white men passed us on the road and told us that two of their group had been killed the day before and to keep our eyes open for Apaches.

When we got to the Gila River, it was up so we could not cross. I then went to work for Brother Elmer and Charley Anderson making brick for the Pima meeting house. Then I got a recommendation to Johnny Young and helped him to make brick for the Central meeting house.

In May, 1885, I met and started going with Rhoda Haws. I



then hired to William Hunly to drive a team. In March 1886, I hired to George Haws and worked and bought me a farm. I planted some corn and made adobes through the summer. My Mother came from Woodruff that summer with Brother Combs and I and Rhoda went to meet them. On September 5th, George M. Haws ordained me an Elder in the Church and later that day, Rhoda and I were married. On September 6th, 1886, the day after our wedding, Rhoda and I started for Saint George.

RHODA INSERTED A SHORT sketch of her life here in her husband's journal. It continues as follows:

I was born in Provo City, Utah, January 14, 1870 to William Wallace Haws and Barbara Belinda Mills Haws. I was baptized in the font by Johnny Jones and confirmed by my father. We came to Arizona April 1, 1879, and settled in Apache county. I lived at the Willow Springs, (25 miles from Apache) for two years and then went to Provo, Utah in 1881 and came back in 1882 and lived in Pima, Arizona. From there, we moved to Central and lived in a stockade house. Then we moved to Cluff's ranch at the foot of the Graham mountains. While we were living there, the Marshalls came after my father for living the law of plural marriage. To escape going to jail, my father fled to Mexico. At this time, I was going to school in Pima and living with my sister, Mary.

In 1885, I was named "Queen of the May" in Central, Graham county, Arizona. We had a lot of fun that summer. We went horse back riding, going to the mountains and taking picnics, making swings and a lot of other fun things. Then on September 5, 1886, I was married to Hyrum Albert Cluff by W. W. Johnson, in Thatcher, Arizona.



HYRUM CONTINUES HIS journal from here:

That first night out, we camped at Thomas. When we got to Black River, it was up quite high. I crawled across on a big rope and got the boat on the other side. When we sent across the wagons, the women had to stand on the spring seats to keep from getting wet. Brother Matice's wagon tipped over, but we got it out of the river in one piece. We camped in Seven Mile Canyon and that night we had a dance on the ground around our campfire. From Seven Mile Canyon, we traveled on to Woodruff. We stayed there for two days and had a good visit with my sister and her husband, J. C. Owens. We went on to Saint Joseph on the little Colorado. We stayed there at Brother Porters and had a dance. Then Rhoda, James Cluff and his wife went on and left the rest of us. They traveled to Black Falls where we caught up with them and traveled together to the Willow Springs.

When we got to the Colorado, it was up and Brother Johnson was ferrying a big herd of cattle over for Brother John Wiley. We had to take our wagons all apart and ferry them over in pieces but we got across alright. We arrived in Kanab and had a dance. We stayed there for three days and found one of our cousins there and then went to Long Valley where we stayed two weeks with Brother Warner Porter. They had lots of fruit which was quite a treat. We also saw G. W. Haws, Rhoda's brother and his wife. We went on to Saint George and went through the temple the 26th of October 1886, and saw and heard many great things which we will never forget. There we were sealed for time and all eternity by Brother McCalaster. We then went to Washington, six miles from Saint George. We stayed there



all night and then started for Provo. It was a nice trip, but cold. We arrived in Provo on the tenth of November. It snowed on us all day. We stopped at James Meldrums, Rhoda's sister's husband. We stayed with them all winter. I hauled wood out of the mountain and frosted my feet that winter.

In the spring, I helped Brother Meldrum put up a house and That summer, I rented Uncle Sam Cluff's place on the Provo River Bottoms. We raised grain and a few other crops.

I took a load of vegetables to Park City, Utah and visited Uncle Joseph at Coalville. Rhoda's mother and sisters came from Arizona in May. While we were in Coalville, we went through the coal mines which are two miles underground.

We started for Arizona on the 2nd of October. Rhoda's mother and sisters came with us. We had a very cold storm when we came to Long Valley. From there, there was a lot of sand and I hurt one of my mules pulling him so hard. We had to travel slow from there on but found all our friends and relations well when we arrived in Central, Arizona.

I put in a crop that summer and freighted some with George Haws. That fall, I and Rhoda went to Phoenix after her mother and had a good time. We went to the State Fair and saw lots of curios and horse racing. We started home in September and had a very bad trip with storms most of the way.

In November we went to Tombstone, Arizona to sell chickens and ducks. Took a load of butter and potatoes to San Carlos.

That winter I was called to be President of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association in the Central Ward. My counselors



were Henry Clemmans and James Cluff.

On July 22, 1889, our first baby, a girl, was born. We named her Rhoda Adelia.

In May, 1890, I took my wife, her mother and two sisters and started for Mexico. We had a very dry trip. When we got to the Animas Valley, the horses got alkalied and the water made all of us sick. We arrived in Diaz Sunday morning on the 6th of June. We got to Juarez Friday the 11th and to Pachecho Sunday the 13th. We found Brother Haws and his family all well. Brother Haws went to Round Valley and I thought that it was the prettiest place I had ever seen.

We stayed at Pachecho and spent the 4th of July. Started back to Central and arrived there on the 23rd of July. It was an awful muddy trip. The 24th of July we celebrated with the community.

I freighted from August to March of the next year between Wilcox and Globe City, Arizona. On August 19, 1890, I started for Mexico. When I arrived at the Custom House at Sericone, I had to give a \$50.00 bond before they would let me pass. Brother George Haws went with me to look over the country around Garland. We and Pete MacBride and John Hill went to Round Valley to look for land for a farm but gave it up. I settled in Corallis, built me a house and fenced my lot. On October 5, 1891, Sarah Metilda was born in Pachecho.

The following spring was very dry and we had to live on corn bread. Brother James Sellers and I built a dam in the creek and got irrigation water to our land. On October 20, 1892, I went to Juarez to make brick for George Haws. Went to Diaz in November to get some



cattle from Hendricks. Arrived in Carralis with the cattle December 6th. On Christmas I was the clown and George Hardy was Santa Claus. While he was taking the presents off the tree, the cotton on his suit caught fire from the candles and he was burned quite badly. It was an awful experience.

On March 10th, 1893, Sarah Matilda had just recovered from a severe attack of diptheria. Her mouth is a solid sore. We moved up to Brother John Whettens ranch a mile from Carralis. I sold out to Brother Ed Durfee in Carralis and planted quite a lot of crops that year. That same year, I was called to act as teacher in company with Brother Durfee.

In September, 1893, I was out hunting my horses and ran across a bear. I took out my lasso and caught him by the neck and pulled him out of a tree. The commotion frightened my horse and he threw me off. Somehow, I managed to hang onto the rope. The bear must have been as scared as I was because instead of attacking me, he tried to climb back up the tree. When he got up to a fork in the tree, I let the rope go slack. The bear, caught off balance, fell head first through the fork in the tree and when I yanked the rope tight again, he hanged himself as he was unable to touch the ground.

On the first of October we were councilled to move back into town because some Commanche Indians were acting up. We moved to Carralis and lived in a log house. While there, Barbara Lorena Cluff was born. (October 18, 1893) The next February, we moved back out to the ranch. On August 9, 1894, Rhoda and I took the baby and went to Garland on horse back and came back by Round Valley.

On the 25th of August, Rhoda and I went after grapes to make



jelly. From October to the first of December, I attended a round-up of the cattle. I also helped cut the road from Pachecho to Round Valley. Moved to Round Valley December 8, 1894 and cut logs and put a log house up. We moved into our new house the 14th of January, 1895 and had a dance. I plastered the house in April and helped survey the graveyard in Garcia.

Saturday, June 9th, Rhoda was not feeling well, so I didn't go to meeting. Sister Phoebe J. Allred annointed Rhoda and confirmed the annointing. On June 10th, 1895, at 1:00 O'Clock A.M., Fernie Jane Cluff was born. Annie D. Farnsworth came in and helped us with the household chores.

On July 24th, we had a celebration here. People came from Pachecho, Cave Valley, and Juarez. We played ball, had a picnic and in the evening, we put on a very good program. I took the part of a nigger.

On September 2nd, I killed a bear. I shot and broke the bears front leg. He took after me and came nearly to catching my horse. It was a stormy trip home. Upon arriving home from my hunting trip, I was told of Eugene Holliday's death. He was married to one of Rhoda's <sup>Mary Augustine</sup> sisters. He was in Pima and got in a row and was shot on August 29th, at 4:00 P.M. He died at 9:30 that night and was buried in Pima, Arizona. He left a wife and three children to mourn his death. The man who killed him was let out on a \$3,000.00 bond to appear before the grand jury at the next turn of court.

Uncle Orson Cluff and I went to Pachecho October 10th. Sunday I preached there and then returned home. The following saturday we had a party at our house. We had a very nice times and Ernest



Stiner and Joe Spencer and their families stayed all night with us.

In November, I went on a cattle drive to Juarez. We camped one night in Carralis. That night the cattle stampeded. When we got to the corral we found that they had mashed the log corral fence down and some of them were under the big logs. We stayed up all night to put the corral back up and at day break went out to look for the cattle that had stampeded. Rhoda met me at Pachecho and went on to Juarez with me. The last of the month, I dug potatoes and went out hunting. I got four big gobblers. Rhoda put her carpet down the 29th.

On December 13th, I took Rhoda to Juarez to meet her mother and sister. Sunday morning, we went to the funeral for Apostle Tesdale's wife which was held in the Juarez meeting house. It snowed on us all the way home. Rhoda's mother is going to visit us for awhile.

I preached on Christmas day and then dressed up as Santa Claus and went around town and gave all the children presents.

I was appointed president of YMMIA by Brother G. Hardy, bishop of Pachecho. They organized us into a temporary organization. Rhoda was appointed president of the YWMIA. Brother Ivans came up here to Garcia and gave us some very good instructions.

August 22nd, we went to Juarez to conference. We heard some very good instruction but Fernie, the baby took sick and we had to come home. She kept getting worse and worse. She passed away on September 12, 1896 at 6:00 A.M. The funeral services were held at my house at 10:00 A.M. and called to order by Elder J. T. Whetton. We sang "Come Let Us Anew Our Journey". The prayer was by Frank Shaffer and we sang "Weep Not For Her That's Dead and Gone". A. L.



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Farnsworth spoke for some time and gave some very good remarks. Then Brother J. T. Whetton spoke a short time, and read some nice verses composed by Mary Farnsworth. Then we sang "Fairwell all Earthly Honors". We then went to the graveyard and paid the last respects. The dedicatory prayer was by Brother Farnsworth.

In September we started for Pima to take Rhoda's mother and her sister home. I found my father and mother well. We visited all the relation and had a very good time. Mother gave a big birthday party for me on the 26th of October 1896. We also spent a nice Christmas there. The Pima boys got up a minstrel show and I joined them.

In June, 1897, I was logging for one of my brothers. As I was coming down a steep place, a big log jumped and caught my foot. I heard the bones crash in my foot. I took my boot off and administered to my foot and in a few minutes was able to walk. I acknowledge it as a miracle and a great blessing from God.

Bishop John Taylor came up and organized the branch of the Pima Ward. It was called the Columbia Branch. I was second presiding man and second assistant in the Sunday School.

Rhoda had an abscess on her jaw and we went to the doctor and got it lanced. She suffered a great deal. After the doctor lanced it, it gathered and broke in another place.

We went back to Mexico that winter. We layed over in Central for two weeks where we visited David Birdno, Rhoda's brother-in-law, and her sister. We left Central on February 4th and had to travel on very bad roads because of storms. Heber, my brother, and his family, came with us. We followed the railroad to Deming and from there to Cammery. There we left the Southern Pacific tracks and crossed the



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desert to Las Crusas on the Rio Grand River. We had a hard time crossing the river because of a lot of quick sand. We followed the river to El Paso, Texas and six miles out of El Paso, I tipped my lead wagon over and my whole family was pinned under the cover. I thought I had killed them all but by the hand of God no bones were broken. There were some mighty scared kids and Rhoda hurt her back. We chartered cars and came on to Dublan on the train.

Almost everyone we met told us we would never get our high wagon boxes over the mountain. They were five feet high, but we got to Garcia alright. We were grateful to be home again but shortly thereafter, Adelia and Lorina took sick. All the people helped us so much and showed so much concern but on the night of April 12, 1898, Adelia died. Lorena got well but she had a very narrow escape. I was warned of this sad affair before it happened.

In July 1898, we moved to the saw mill where Rhoda cooked for the mill hands and I worked with the logging. I took her from there with me up to work on the wagon road at Soldier canyon. I was the road overseer. From there, we went home in November.

The spring of 1899 was very cold. I was called by the Bishop to take a man from New York up to inspect the timber of the nearby country. He was with a railroad company who was anticipating building a railroad near here.

Sunday, May 14, 1899, I was put in as choirister of the Sunday School. David Cluff, my brother and Robert Cluff, another brother are here on a visit from Pima, Arizona.

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liberty pole and I was the first one to climb it. On August 3rd, we were visited by Joseph F. Smith, second counselor to the President of the Church. He brought with him, Brother Seymore B. Young, the first president of the seventies.

Our seventh child and daughter, Lillith, was born August 25, 1900. (The fifth child was named Marie. She was born April 4, 1897 in Pima, Arizona. Margie, the sixth child was born in Garcia, Mexico February 24, 1899.)

September 12, 1900, Benjamin Cluff, the President of the Brigham Young Academy, visited us. He was traveling with a party from the Academy, on their way to South America. They stayed in Garcia one week and excavated some ruins and got some specimens. I traveled seventy-five miles south with the expedition as guide. On returning home, I met a couple of out-laws. They drew their guns on me and held me a prisoner for several hours. They finally decided to let me go and I gratefully returned home in one piece.

I cut the oats for the people here in Garcia with a self-binder. Went out hunting and trapping. Got two big lions and two wolves. When I returned home, Apostle A. O. Woodruff and President Ivins were here at Garcia. They held meetings and then went on to Chichupa where they organized a ward. G. M. Haws, Rhoda's brother, was appointed bishop. After the conference held at Juarez, Thomas Allen and Brother Harris followed some Indians who had been stealing corn and potatoes. They ran onto their camp and killed two of them. Brother Ivins and Woodruff helped bury the Indians. Bishop Whetten sent a runner out to Chichupa to warn the people and another to Juarez to take the report and get ammunition for the protection of



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February 14, 1901, the snow is 15 inches on the level and we had a nice sleigh ride.

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February 23, Rhody and Josephine Haws, my sister, started to Gila Valley for a visit. I am getting along fine. There is now plenty of water thanks to the dam we put in. The ground is in fine condition for plowing and every one is preparing to put in big crops this year.

March 9th, got a letter from my wife, Rhoda. She and the children arrived in Pima alright. I went to Juarez after Dr. Ship who came to operate on sister Ida Whetton. She took a baby from her. I rode all night and it snowed and rained on me most of the way. I caught cold in my eyes and I have been housed up doctoring them and it seems so lonesome here alone without Rhody and the children. This is the first time that Rhoda and I have been away from each other for any length of time since we were married.

April 3rd, I got a letter from Rhoda and family. She and family are all well and they are enjoying themselves. Sure is lonesome around here. I'm doing all my own cooking and house-keeping and at night there isn't any company for me except the tick of the clock. Got another letter April 18th in which Rhoda said the baby had been sick and she wanted to come home.

April 24th, I was called by the bishop to go to Arizona on a trip, which I did. I stayed in Pima with Rhoda and the children for a few days and came as far as Bonnie Station. I worked in the Hotel there for a few days and went back to Pima. Rhoda is afraid to travel with the baby right now as she is ill, so I came on home



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alone. I planted my potatoes upon arriving home.

June 3rd, the country is on fire and the valley is full of smoke.

Brother Taylor of Juarez sent for me to come down and trap some bear in his pastures. They are killing off his cattle. July 2nd, trapped one week and caught three bear and while I was there, Rhoda and the children arrived from Pima. I was glad to see them again. The baby looked quite bad.

August 23rd, got a letter from a Dr. Hughs of Philadelphia. He wanted me to go out with him as a guide on a hunting and trapping trip. He came with a party of friends and we killed several lions, grey wolves, foxes, turkey, and deer. I took them down to the Casa Grande Station and they returned from there, back to Philadelphia apparently well satisfied with their trip to the wilds of Mexico.

While I was out with Dr. Hughs, I took him to the old ruins 15 miles on the west side of the Garcia Valley. We excavated some ruins and found one skeleton. Many thoughts past through my mind while working out these ruins and reflecting on who the people were who built those houses.

October 22nd, I and Mr. Barker and Ernest Stiner started out trapping. We went south-east from Garcia on the Rio Alma. We were gone six weeks. We caught and killed five bear, eight lions, eleven turkey and thirty-two deer. The last bear we killed pretty near got Ernest and myself. It was a large silver tip bear and he came within ten feet of us with his mouth open and had it not been for the dogs, he would have gotten both of us.

January 14, 1902, Rhody and I and three of the children



started to El Paso, Texas on business. We stayed there two days and rode the electric cars. We visited Brother Lanzo Farnsworth at Colonia Dublan and then returned home.

February 9th, I was called as second assistant to Brother Eddy Webb in the Sunday School. Rhoda and I are taking music lessons.

May 13th, Sister Haws, Rhoda's mother, came from the Gila Valley on a visit. Also, my brothers John and James and Bishop David Wech, all from Pima, visited on their way to Central America.

Thora May, our eighth daughter was born May 19, 1902. I am glad Sister Haws is here to help out.

July 16th, it is raining and our baby Thora is quite sick. We haven't had a nights sleep for some time.

September 10th, I went to Juarez and took my family and then went on to El Paso. I took Matilda and Lorena and Sister Haws with me to El Paso. We returned home from there and I brought a hunting party in. When we were between Casa Grandis and Juarez, I got on a mule and it jumped in a hole and fell. I got my foot caught in the stirrup and the mule dragged and kicked me until finally the stirrup broke and I got loose. I was badly banged up and the backs of my legs and my back was all black and blue. I didn't have any broken bones though and was able to take the hunting party to the Blue Mountains.

November 22nd, I took another hunting party from Kansas on a trip. We saw one lion but didn't get anything. I also showed them some ancient buildings.

December 25th, the band serenaded the town. It was a very enjoyable holiday.



February 8th, was permitted to accept the higher laws of God which was a very great trial to Rhoda. The Lord has blessed us a great deal and I'm sure everything will work out. I married Delia Floretta Humphrey here in Garcia, Mexico. The year is 1903.

April 1st, I took a gentleman by the name of R. C. Cross of New York out on a hunt. We visited the ruins at Cave Valley. I took the folks out to Peacock after my traps and camped. Rhody and I went into a very deep canyon and ate dinner. I took her picture twice. That day as we came over some very rough places, Rhoda very nearly fell off her horse. She went with me to hunt the bear that had been gone with my trap on for six days. We were in some rough country but we found the bear dead and then found the trap on our way back to camp. I killed three deer and took the picture of Rhoda's horse and the deer.

October 2nd, Floretta went to Juarez to put up fruit for us. I got a letter from her.

October 4th, they reorganized the Sunday School and I was put in as Superintendant.

January 1st, 1904, the weather is very cold and windy. The people seem to be getting careless and there is a neglectful spirit among them. I received word that my brother, James Cluff was cut off from the Church for adultery. We put a drop curtain in our meeting house. It cost thirty-six dollars.

March 6th, we had a very good meeting at Sunday School. Four new teachers were put in; Lester B. Farnsworth, John A. Whetton, Larane Whetton and Floretta Cluff.

March 7, 1904, this morning at 11:00 A. M. our first son was



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born to Rhoda and I. He is our ninth child. He weighed 9½ pounds. We are so proud of him and all the neighbors has been in to see him and congratulate us. We have named him Hyrum Albert Cluff.

April 3rd, we took our boy to the meeting and had him blessed. The measles are raging here. There are forty-four cases here in the Garcia Ward. So far there have been no deaths.

April 15, 1904, the measles are still raging. Rhoda is sick with them and five of the children are down with them. We were called upon to give up our dear baby boy. He only stayed with us one month and four days. It is so hard to part with him because he is the only boy we have ever had. I had to leave Rhoda and take him up to the cemetery. She was sick and in bed with the other four children. I am so sorry she could not at least see our sweet baby buried. There were only two wagons, but there was quite a large crowd. Elder Clark of Dublan offered the dedicatorial prayer. The ward choir sang "Your Sweet Little Rose". Bishop Whetton offered prayer and we returned home.

April 16, the children and Rhoda were awful sick again last night. It is a very gloomy time for all of us but we feel to say in our hearts that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Sunday, April 24th, I and the family went to Bishop Whettons for dinner. Most of the people are getting over the Measles.

Sister Nancy Humphry Prouse's little baby boy died on May 11. I offered the prayer at the grave yard. Rhoda and the children attended. It was their first time to see our baby's grave.

June 3rd, received word Vance Shaffer had died. He was first counselor to the Bishop of Garcia.



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August 12th, Brother Farnsworth and I and several other teachers visited the Sunday School in Chuchupa. I took my wives with me. We had a very pleasant trip. Found all well when we arrived home.

August 25th, there was a large flood came down the creek here and washed out some fences. Also the river at Hop Valley was up and washed out lots of the logs and ties which we cut for the railroad. I was rolling logs and wading in the river until 12:00 last night. Sister Haws and her daughter came here from the Gila Valley to visit. Rhoda was glad to see her mother and sister. Her mother is getting quite gray. They visited in Chupa and then came back here.

October 12th, I took all of my folks and went to Cave Valley with Rhoda's mother and sister and some of her brothers from Pacheco. We had a good time and then they went back to the Gila Valley.

Sunday, October 23rd, we had a good meeting. I spoke on the order of the marriage covenant. I am still working at shocking my corn.

October 26th, this is my birthday, Rhoda gave me a nice silver ring for a present. My aunt's father's first wife was here on her way to Chupa. She came on a visit from the Gila Valley.

October 31st, Bishop Whetton's wife is very ill. It seems that her life hangs on a thread. I just got a letter telling me that my brother John's wife has passed away. She and the baby were burried together.

November 23rd, Bishop Whetton's second wife, Emma, died today. She was sick and almost a solid sore from head to foot, but it all healed up before she died.

December 25th, Christmas. Rhoda and I and two of the children



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went to Juarez and bought flour and apples and toys for Christmas. We had a community program and played allkinds of games. At night we had a dress party. Rhody and I represented George Washington and his wife, Martha. Floretta represented the flower girl and Tillie represented little bo-peep. Rhody and I won the prize.

January 2, 1905, just settled my tithing for the year, 1904. The amount was \$100.25. My brother Brigham Cluff is here from Pima, Arizona, also George Haws Jr. The relief society got up a big party to get money for the purpose of getting burial clothes for people. It is a hard matter to get clothing on such occasions as we are fifty miles from any railroad and thirty-five miles to where they can buy much from the stores. The stores here are small and don't keep much supplies.

February 14th, I took a load of lumber to Juarez. I saw Apostle Teasdale and he blessed me. I have started up a trade and am trying to handle produce for the people.

March 4th, moved Floretta to a place north of town in a two room frame house. It is quite a neat little house.

March 20th, there has been some talk and discussion on the God Head and I and H. M. Cluff was called to make a special visit to all the people who had advocated that doctrine that Adam is God and the Father of Christ. We were told to tell them that this doctrine is definitely false. Today in meeting all were given one week for probation and if they didn't repent they would be dropped from their positions in the ward.

April 23rd, Matilda was put in as assistant librarian of the



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Garcia Sunday School. I preached today on obedience to the Authority over us.

May 7th, Heber Cluff was called and set apart as second assistant in the Sunday School.

June 8th, I have taken another contract over to Hop Valley and am hiring a number of men and teams to go to work. I went to Dublan last week and bought up some goods for the store. The weather is fine but awful hot down in the valley and flour is selling at nine and ten dollars per hundred pounds.

August 11, 1905 at 3:00 P. M., a baby boy was born to Rhoda. It was born dead and we laid him away August 12th at 2:00 P.M. The dedication prayer was offered by B. H. Bingham. Rhoda is getting along alright. It is quite a trial as we haven't been able yet to raise up a boy, but still trust in God and pray he will yet bless her and give her a son to raise that he may be a credit to us. We named him Albert Cluff.

September 14th, went to Colonia Juarez to conference at the Stake Academy. As President Smith and party entered the building, the congregation stood and sang, "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet". President Jarvis opened the conference and spoke of the growth of the people and stated that this was one of the greatest days that the people had enjoyed in this land by the presence of President Joseph F. Smith. He mentioned that it also was the national day of Mexico. I attended eleven meetings at the conference and all our children shook hands with President Smith at Sunday School. Two thousand, two hundred and seventy two souls attended the conference. President Smith told me to go and be baptized for my dead father.



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Floretta came up to stay with us for awhile. On September 4, 1905, she gave birth to a boy at a quarter to seven o'clock in the morning. We named him Charles G. Cluff. It is her first child.

December 2nd, there has been lots of rain and the river has been up quite high. The river washed lots of fence away at Carrales and took four houses out of Colonia Juarez, eight in Colonia Diaz, thirty-three in Sanoria and left the people without anything only the clothes they were wearing at the time. Their household goods all were lost in the flood but through the blessings of the Lord, there was not one life lost. The people of the Stake has made up a fund for the homeless.

My tithing for the year 1905 was \$74.50.

January 20, 1906, Just recieved a letter from my mother. She has been quite sick and stated that my sister Lula is married to John Damorn, of Thatcher, Arizona.

February 12th, four of our little girls are very sick with scarlet fever. Almey Haws, Rhoda's brother, was visiting here from Juarez, and upon returning home, he was drowned in the river and they are not able to find his body.

August 21, 1906, Rhoda had another baby girl. This is our ninth girl. We named her Alberta. Margy and Marl have been quite sick with typhoid but both are very much improved now, thanks to the Lord answering our prayers.

February 22, 1907, my sister Sicelia Cluff Owens passed away. She left a husband and three children to mourn her loss. She was a very faithful woman.

March 3rd, we have got the telephone poles up through our town



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and it will only be a matter of time when the telephone will be in all of the homes of the ward in this stake. It will be a great blessing to all of us.

April 2nd, have been up on the mountain hauling logs for H. H. James sawmill. Art Farnsworth came over to tell me that the baby, Alberta was sick. I went home and arrived there at 4:00 in the morning. I found her quite sick. Friday night at 9:00, she passed away. She was a sweet little girl and she brought sunshine into our home what little time she was with us. The people here have been very kind to us and did all they could for our dear little pet. She was such a sweet baby. There seems to be so much sickness in the ward now. (the date of Alberta's death is April 5, 1907.)

September 24th, Rhoda and I are preparing to start for Salt Lake City this morning to do temple work.

Arrived in Calton, California, September 30, 1907. The groves of oranges and figs and other fruits are certainly grand. We went from Calton to San Bernadino on the street car and saw some beautiful homes and pretty lawns. From here, we went to Salt Lake. We traveled through the Mountain Meadow where the massacre of the immigrants took place. The Mormons were blamed, but the Church authorities did all they could to bring the implicated men to justice. Arrived in Salt Lake City October 2nd. I met my oldest brother Moses, my father's first wife and my sister Ethelyn. Rhoda and myself and our little girl, Thora visited some of the most noted places in the city. We had the privilege of attending the general conference in the Tabernacle. The speakers urged all of the Church members to get out of debt.



Sunday, October 6th, we attended the session at the Tabernacle. There were 20,000 in attendance. Anthony A. Ivins, the president of our stake in Mexico, was called into the Quorum of Apostles to fill the vacancy of Apostle Teasdale, who had recently died.

While in Salt Lake, we also visited the orphans home and the state prison where a great many Mormon men served prison terms rather than break their plural marriage vows.

October 9th, I was baptized in the Salt Lake Temple for my father who was dead, but had been disfellowshipped and died out of the Church.

October 10th, I went and had a interview with President J. F. J. F. Smith about my father. He recommended that I go to the temple and do his work for him. I went and had all his former blessings restored. My father never apostatized from the Church, but he was misled and told my Uncle H. H. Cluff that he was going to get baptized, but he died shortly thereafter in Pima, Arizona.

October 8, 1907, I was baptized for father and took a name and went through the temple. Rhoda went through the same day for our dead daughter, Rhoda Adelia. Rhoda and myself also had our second anointings which I felt was a great priviledge and a blessing.

We went to Provo City October 12 and stayed at Rhoda's sisters home, Jane Meldrum, for two weeks.

We left Provo October 26th at 11:00 P.M., and went to Los Angeles. We went from there to Long Beach where for the first time in my life, I saw the ocean. We stayed there for several days and gathered shells along the coast. We took a steamer to San Pedro Beach where we saw and photographed many vessels. From San Pedro,



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we took the train for the Gila Valley, Arizona. We visited our relatives there for two weeks and returned home where we found all well.

February 26th, the Garcia saw mill blew up, killing Elder George Turley and injuring Art Farnsworth and Sumner O'Donald quite bad. The money panic which was raging in Utah and Arizona has struck us here and times sure are hard.

May 15, 1908, our twelfth child and third son was born to Rhoda. We named him William Templeton Cluff.

June 5, 1908, Apostle Ivins and our stake presidency called a special meeting here in Garcia. There had been some differences and trouble in the ward, but after the brethern were called together and matters were properly adjusted, there was a general hand-shaking all around and a good spirit prevailed. I was called as second counselor to Bishop J. T. Whetten of Garcia ward and was set apart and ordained a High Priest to be second counselor of the Juarez Stake. I was ordained by Charles McCllen.

December 25th, Christmas. It is not a very good time this year. There is a great many sick with the mumps. I have been sick two weeks.

April 20th, went to the station to meet a man by the name of J. M. Thralls. He wanted me to take him on a hunt. I got some deer and plenty of fish, three bear, two lions, two wolves and a small number of small fox and bobcats. Took him back to El Paso.

June 19, 1909, Floretta had a baby girl. We named her Violet.

July 5th, I planted corn on my lots. Times are very hard and the Bishop is letting the people have the tithing corn to eat.



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July 9th, organized a union community. I was appointed president with a board of five to formulate by-laws. The following names were appointed to the board; Lester B. Farnsworth, Frank O'Donnal, Fred Humphry, John A. Whetten and Roan Stocks.

February 2, 1910, a comet appeared in the western skys.

June 16th, almost all the men of Garcia are up in the mountains working on the railroad. I came home to check on things and found the farms looking good. Those that are staying here have planted all the farm land in the valley in grain, mostly oats. There are quite a lot of apples, peaches, plums, cherries and a number of kinds of small fruit being raised here this year.

June 22, 1910, Rhoda had another boy which makes thirteen children. We named him Harold Alton Cluff. Rhoda and the baby are getting along fine.

October, the rebels here took up against the government. It has caused great excitement among the people, but they seem to be peaceable towards the Latter Day Saints. The Church president, Joseph F. Smith, sent Apostle Ivins to assist the people here and he was the means of getting guns and ammunition in for the mormons.

January 19, 1911, it is very cold. Forty rebels came into Garcia and bought supplies in the store and paid for them. They appeared very friendly.

January 24, the outlaws killed Sister Martinson of Gualupa and also her brother. The officers caught three of them and one got away. One of the rebels came and stayed all night here in town and said he was on his way to the United States to purchase ammunition for the rebels. They have killed a great many of the Mexican soldiers



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and taken a great many smaller places, but have not been able to hold them. Madiro is gaining ground very fast and every day we hear reports of soldiers and rebels being killed.

October, went hunting with a party from New York. Madiro was the victor of the revolution and was elected President of Mexico.

December 1911, the railroad is nearly completed up above Santiago Canyon. It will be a great benefit to the mountain colonies. The revolution abated only for a short time. Some of Madiros generals became jealous of Madiro and started another revolution. Every now and again there is a band of rebels that will ride into town and demand something like food or livestock or ammunition. One bunch numbered 250.

June, 1912, the Church sent guns and ammunition to the colonies. The rebels are taking a lot of the colonies horses and saddles and are killing off cattle for meat. So far they have not stolen from Garcia.

My brother James Cluff died in October and left a large family. The people here are getting quite alarmed about the rebel situation. They have attacked quite a few of the Mormons, beat them up with their guns and stolen their horses. Some people have been stopped by rebels on their way to church. They had to sit there in their wagons and watch them unhitch their horses and ride off with them. The rebel generals have gone back on their word to leave the colonies alone. Our men number about 300 and there are about 1,500 rebels in and around this area. We are expecting to be called to leave for Pachecho any day now.

July 24th, we held a dance and had quite a good time.



July 19th, we lost our baby boy, Orlee Moses who was born on May 11, 1912. Rhoda is the mother. Orlee had been sick for three weeks.

July 28th, we received word to leave our homes. We spent the 29th packing what few things we could take and cooking. We just walked out and closed the door and left everything. There were twenty-seven wagons. The men all stayed to defend the town and our property but the women and children went to Pachecho and then on to El Paso. In El Paso, the women and children camped in a lumber shed with very little room. The babies cried all night making sleep impossible for the rest. On the 2nd of August, Rhoda the the children left for Pima, and arrived the next day.

We men all gathered in Juarez where we decided to hide out in the mountains. I went back to Garcia to herd our horses up into the mountains. When I got the horses up to the men, we decided to take them to the border. From El Paso, I went on to Pima to be sure Rhoda and the children were all right. On the 20th of September, some of us went back for as many cattle as we could drive out. October 30th I arrived again in Pima. We put Tillie and Lorena in school in Pima and November 4th, we started for Bluewater, New Mexico. We arrived there the 5th at 1:00 A. M.

November 11th we moved into Nellie Chapman's house. Tillie went to work at the general store, clerking.

Heber took sick on June 21st and on July 17th, he died.

September 24, 1913, Hyrum became very sick and was bad from the very first. We couldn't get a doctor and we just didn't seem to be able to do anything to help him. He died October 16th and



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was buried October 17th. His funeral was held at the meeting house in Bluewater. We sang "Come Let us Anew" after which Brother Tietjen gave the opening prayer. We sang "Oh, my Father" and Brothers Call Hakes, Charley Martineau, Bishop Whetton and Welcome Chapman spoke. We sang "Resurrection Day" and Brother Welcome Chapman closed the meeting with prayer. Brother Tietjen dedicated the grave.

We are left alone without a home, no one we know to help us and in a strange new place.